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## **TRYING TO MAKE PROGRESS AROUND WEATHER**

Braselton, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a traffic changes tomorrow on SR 347 if the weather cooperates.

“We are trying to continue to make progress around the rain. In case the weather cooperates tomorrow, we want you to know our plans to shift State Route 347 traffic onto the new lanes from east of Hog Mountain Road to west of the Quarry. This allows work to begin on the original lanes of SR 347 in this area. We also hope to 347 shift traffic onto temporary asphalt tomorrow. The temporary asphalt begins at the intersection with Friendship Farms and continues to about 800 feet west of Puckett Road. This temporary shift allows work to finish on a culvert and allow grading to begin for the new lanes of 347,” explained Bayne Smith, Georgia DOT District Engineer.

If the project area receives rain tonight or tomorrow, the planned work will be delayed to later in the week as weather permits. The traffic shift from east of Hog Mountain to west of the Quarry is scheduled to occur first.

“Please remember, the speed limit on SR 347 from I-985 to Spout Springs Road is now 35 miles per hour because of the construction and frequent traffic shifts along this section of SR 347. This speed limit change could also impact your budget as all fines are doubled in a work zone. Slower is safer in a work zone so please for your safety and ours slow down,” urged Smith.

The contract for construction of this 7.97 mile long project is \$38.4 million and the contract was awarded to E.R. Snell Contracting Inc. of Snellville, Georgia. The contract completion date for the entire project is January 12, 2016

If you would like to receive email updates on this project, email [tpope@dot.ga.gov](mailto:tpope@dot.ga.gov) and request them.

*Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. You also may follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE) (<https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNE>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GDOTNE) (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNE>).*

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